UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-v-

ISSAK ALMALEH and ANTOANETA IOTOVA,

Defendants.

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ORDER

17-cr-25 (ER)

Ramos, D.J.:

The Southern District of New York has reconfigured courtrooms and other spaces in its courthouses to allow jury trials to proceed as safely as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the centralized calendaring system currently in place, the Clerk's Office schedules up to three jury trials to begin on each day of jury selection: a primary case and up to two back-up cases that may proceed in its place if the primary case does not go forward.

On May 14, 2021, the jury trial in this matter was scheduled for February 22, 2022. The Court accordingly requested a jury trial for that date and the Clerk's Office has now notified the Court that this case has been placed on the jury trial list for March 2, 2022. The case must be trial-ready for that date. The case is second on the list for jury trials for that day. This means that the case will not proceed on March 2, 2022, if the other trial scheduled for that date go forward. If the case cannot proceed on the scheduled date, the Court will seek another jury trial date for as soon as possible thereafter. As soon as the Court confirms that the matter will proceed on March 2, 2022, it will inform the parties.

The following trial schedule is hereby adopted:

1. Motions *in limine* are due <u>February 2, 2022,</u> and oppositions thereto by <u>February 16, 2022.</u>

- 2. Proposed jury instructions, *voir dire* questions, and verdict sheets are due <u>February 2, 2022</u> and objections thereto by <u>February 16, 2022</u>.
- 3. The Final Pretrial Conference shall be held on **February 24, 2022 at 2:30 PM.**

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 3, 2022

New York, New York

Edgardo Ramos, U.S.D.J.